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SUBJECT: CALLAGHAN VISIT TO OTTAWA

1. PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN'S ONE-DAY VISIT TO OTTAWA WAS UNEVENTFUL, AT LEAST AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE FROM BRITISH AND CANADIAN SOURCES. CALLAGHAN AND TRUDEAU MET TWICE, FIRST AT LUNCHEON AT DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY OWEN, JAMIESON, FINANCE MINISTER MACDONALD AND NUMEROUS OTHER BRITISH AND CANADIAN OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO HEAD OF CHANCERY OF BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, LUNCHEON WAS ESSENTIALLY ANALYTICAL DISCUSSION OF NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, INCLUDING CIEC, AND DOWNING STREET SUMMIT. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF UK-CANADIAN BILATERAL MATTERS AS THEY ARE OF NO MAJOR CONSEQUENCE AND AS THEY ARE NORMALLY HANDLED IN EC CONTEXT.

2. SECOND MEETING WAS PRIVATE TETE-A-TETE LASTING ABOUT FIVE HOURS SATURDAY EVENING AT TRUDEAU'S COTTAGE OUTSIDE OTTAWA WHERE ONLY SECURITY PERSONNEL WERE PRESENT. IVAN HEAD, TRUDEAU'S PRINCIPAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER, HAS PROMISED TO BRIEF US ON THIS SESSION AS SOON AS HE CAN GET TO TRUDEAU. WE ASSUME QUEBEC PROBLEM WAS ONE OF PRINCIPAL TOPICS OF EVENING MEETING. ENDERS

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